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In the Application of	)	
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Takashi Ejiri	)	Group Art Unit: 3751
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for A LOCKING DEVICE OF AN	)	Conf. No. 3253
AIR-OPERATED NORMALLY-	)	
CLOSED VALVE FOR A GAS	)	
CYLINDER	)	
	)	
Serial No: 10/725,751	)	Our Docket No: 4415-0021
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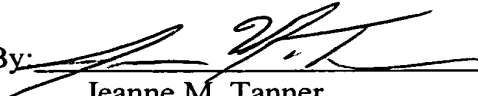
STATUS LETTER

On June 10, 2004, Applicant received a Notice of Publication (copy enclosed) in connection with the above-identified application.

As of this date, Applicant has not received an office action relating to the above-identified patent application. Applicant therefore requests a status report be provided for the above-identified patent application.

Please charge any fees for this request to Deposit Account No. 13-0235.

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